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Present Application:

Applicants : Timothy B. Main et al.
Title : BALING BAG FOR AUTOMATIC BAG LOADING
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Prior Application:

Examiner : Stephen B. Garbe
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as shown below. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims pending in the application are shown so that the claims may be viewed in their entirety.

1. (Amended) A paper bale bag for use with an automated bag-filling apparatus, comprising:
an elongated front panel;
an elongated flat back panel;